

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all previous versions of the claims with the following listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A shaft, used for an electric motor, to which a commutator to be fitted having a fit hole is fitted / fixed, comprising:
four strips of knurls,
wherein each strip of knurls is formed on an outer circumferential surface of the shaft as to extend along an axial direction,
wherein each strip of knurls is formed into an acute-angled triangle, and
wherein the strips of knurls are evenly spaced circumferentially about the shaft as measured from a vertex of the acute-angled triangles of each knurl.

~~A shaft, on an outer circumferential surface of which knurls are formed by first and second molds provided relatively movably in directions of being close to and separating from each other and to which a member to be fitted having a fit hole is fitted / fixed, comprising:~~

~~a pair of first knurls formed by a pair of first molding edges, each having a cutting face formed in parallel to a relatively moving direction and an extrusion face formed at an acute angle with respect to said cutting face and provided in said first mold so as to oppose to said cutting face and be disposed at a predetermined interval; and~~

~~a pair of second knurls formed by a pair of second molding edges, each having a cutting face formed in parallel to a relatively moving direction and an extrusion face formed at an acute angle with respect to said cutting face and provided in said second mold so as to oppose to said cutting face and be disposed at a predetermined interval.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The shaft according to claim 1, wherein axial-directional lengthwise dimensions of ~~said first and second~~ the knurls are set longer than that of ~~said member~~ the commutator to be fitted.

5. (Currently Amended) The shaft according to claim 1, wherein an inner diameter of ~~[[said]]~~ the fit hole is set larger than an outer diameter of ~~[[said]]~~ the shaft and ~~said member~~ wherein the commutator to be fitted is fitted / fixed to ~~[[said]]~~ first and second the knurls.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (New) The shaft according to claim 1, wherein the vertexes protrude radially outward from the outer circumferential surface of the shaft.

9. (New) The shaft according to claim 4, wherein each strip of knurls is spaced from each other with the outer circumferential surface of the shaft.

10. (New) The shaft according to claim 5, wherein the vertexes and an inner surface of the fit hole elastically deform upon contact.

11. (New) The shaft according to claim 1, wherein a pair of groove portions is formed between a pair of knurls at each position substantially adjacent to those knurls and another pair of groove portions is formed between another pair of knurls at each position substantially adjacent to those knurls.